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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the cover page, at "(75) Inventors:" change "Puchhelm (DE)" to --Puchheim (DE)--.

On the cover page, change the PCT Filed date at (22) from "Mar. 12, 2005" to --May 12, 2005--.

Column 9, cancel the text at lines 12-15 that is in claim 1 and insert:

--upon release of the lock, wherein said release lever includes a contacting member which is offset from and contacts an elongated member with a projection extending therefrom, thereby allowing said absorption displacement--

Column 9, cancel the text at lines 6-17 that is in claim 2 and insert:

--2. The clamping or spreading tool as claimed in claim 27,
wherein the means for dissipating is adapted to be--

Column 9, cancel the text at lines 23-24 that is in claim 3 and insert:

--3. The clamping or spreading tool as claimed in claim 27,
wherein the means for dissipating can be activated--

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Column 9, cancel the text at lines 26-27 that is in claim 4 and insert:

--4. The clamping or spreading tool as claimed in claim 27,
wherein the means for dissipating can be activated--

Column 9, cancel the text at lines 29-30 that is in claim 5 and insert:

--5. The clamping or spreading tool as claimed in claim 27,
wherein the means for dissipating is or remains deac--

Column 9, cancel the text at line 32 that is in claim 6 and insert:

--6. The clamping or spreading tool as claimed in claim 27,--

Column 9, cancel the text at line 36 that is in claim 7 and insert:

--7. The clamping or spreading tool as claimed in claim 27,--

Column 9, cancel the text at lines 43-44 that is in claim 8 and insert:

--it may be forcibly adjusted upon activation of the means for
dissipating into an absorption end position.--

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Column 9, cancel the text at lines 52-53 that is in claim 11 and insert:

--11. The clamping or spreading tool as claimed in claim 27,
wherein the means for dissipating comprises a drive--

Column 9, cancel the text at line 61 that is in claim 13 and insert:

--13. The clamping or spreading tool as claimed in claim 27,--

Column 9, cancel the text at lines 65-66 that is in claim 14 and insert:

--14. The clamping or spreading tool as claimed in claim 27,
wherein the means for dissipating comprises two--

Column 10, cancel the text at lines 44-45 that is in claim 20 and insert:

--20. The clamping or spreading tool as claimed in claim 27,
wherein the means for dissipating comprises a damper--

Column 10, cancel the text at lines 49-51 that is in claim 21 and insert:

--wherein the damper is activated only when the means for
dissipating for absorption displacement of the push or
pull rod in the opening direction is activated.--

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Column 10, cancel the text at lines 66-67 that is in claim 24 and insert:

--spring and absorption motion for the means for
dissipating contrary to the centering spring are allowed.--

Column 11, cancel the text at lines 32-34 that is in claim 26 and insert:

--canting with respect to the push or pull rod, wherein said
release lever includes a contacting member which is offset from
and contacts an elongated member with a projection extending therefrom, thereby allowing--

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